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**Gov. Perdue visits counties hard hit by Saturday tornadoes**

*Estimated death toll revised down to 22*

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Bev Perdue concluded a 6½-hour tour of tornado damage with a sidewalk press conference near hard-hit Shaw University in downtown Raleigh. During the tour she spoke with President Obama, who pledged “whatever it takes to rebuild North Carolina.”

“Despite all the damage, the thing we heard the most today was how grateful people are to be alive,” said Perdue. “I ask that everyone do what they can to support the Red Cross and local shelters, and to keep everyone affected in your prayers.”

The Governor will visit Bertie, Halifax and Wilson counties Monday morning.

On Sunday, Perdue and First Gentleman Bob Eaves toured hard-hit counties across the state to survey damage left by a string of tornados said to be the most devastating to hit North Carolina since 1984.

FEMA has dispatched a Federal Coordinating Officer to Raleigh and the American Red Cross State Disaster Coordination Team will establish a team to assist local chapters.

The estimated death toll has been revised down to 22 from 23, according to unconfirmed reports from communities across North Carolina. About 130 people are reported as injured, with most transported to hospitals for care.